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2012 Colorado Charter Schools Week | April 16-19, 2011

Colorado League of Charter Schools | S&S Worldwide  
 Charter School Essay Contest Entry Form

**Entry deadline is 5:00p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012.** All entries must be postmarked or received by that date. Submit essays along with completed entry form, via mail or email to the Colorado League of Charter Schools, attn: Sarah Pearman, 725 S. Broadway, Suite 7, Denver, CO 80209 | Email [spearman@coloradoleague.org](mailto:spearman@coloradoleague.org)

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Charter School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent and/or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the rules of the 2012 Charter School Essay Contest listed on the reverse side of this entry form, and understand that my essay will become the property of the Colorado League of Charter Schools, and may be used in marketing materials by the Colorado League of Charter Schools and/or S&S Worldwide. If I am selected as a winner, I agree to attend the award ceremony at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 11:30am, where I will receive my scholarship prize.

***Entry form must be signed by at least one parent/guardian OR teacher.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

***If you have any questions about this essay contest, or this entry form, please contact Sarah Pearman at 303-989-5356, ext. 114 or [spearman@coloradoleague.org](mailto:spearman@coloradoleague.org).***



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## Charter School Essay Contest Guidelines and Rules

The Colorado League of Charter Schools is excited to announce an opportunity for charter school students to win a college scholarship.

### How it Works

There are four age categories. One winner will be chosen from each age group and will receive a scholarship award from S&S Worldwide. Winning students will be honored at the Colorado State Capitol on Thursday, April 19, 2012, during the Colorado Charter Schools Rally. During the event, winners will be presented with their scholarship prize by a representative from S&S Worldwide and the Colorado League of Charter Schools, as well as by a representative from the Colorado State Legislature or other Colorado elected official (name of legislator to be announced). Winners will be notified via a phone call to their teacher and/or parent/guardian at least two weeks prior to the rally so that they can make appropriate arrangements to attend the event.

### Age Categories / Submission Requirements

- **Grades 9-12 - Prize: \$500 Scholarship**  
Topic: Write an essay as though you were 80 years old, looking back at your life. What have you accomplished and how did your experience at your charter school impact your life? (700-1000 words).
- **Grades 6-8 - Prize: \$250 Scholarship**  
Topic: If you could change one rule at your school, which rule would it be and how would you change it? How will changing this rule improve your educational environment at your charter school? (300-500 words).
- **Grades 3-5 - Prize: \$250 Scholarship**  
Topic: How is your charter school preparing you to become a leader when you grow up? What kind of leader will you be as an adult? (200-400 words).
- **Grades K-2 - Prize: \$250 Scholarship**  
Topic: What makes your favorite teacher so special? How do they help you learn? (100-200 words).

### How to Enter

Please send completed entry form (with parent and/or teacher's signature) and essay by Friday, March 30, 2012, via mail or email to: Colorado League of Charter Schools, Attn: Sarah Pearman, 725 S. Broadway, Suite 7, Denver, Colorado 80209 | Email: [spearman@coloradoleague.org](mailto:spearman@coloradoleague.org). Entries must be postmarked by March 30, 2012. Please no fax submissions.

### Rules

1. Essays from Grades 3-12 must be typed and double spaced. K-2 essays may be hand-written or typed, but must be legible. Parents may help their students by typing their essay, but essays must be the original work of the student (essays suspected to be authored by parents may be disqualified).
2. Students must be currently enrolled in a Colorado charter school in order to enter.
3. Only one entry per student.
4. Entries must be postmarked by March 30, 2012.
5. Winning students must be willing/able to travel to the Colorado State Capitol for presentation of their award on Thursday, April 19, 2012.
6. Entry forms must be signed by either the student's teacher and/or parent/guardian.
7. Essays will become the property of the Colorado League of Charter Schools, and may be used in marketing materials by the Colorado League of Charter Schools and/or S&S Worldwide.